

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
TADASHI HAYASHI : Examiner: E. O. Okezie  
Application No.: 10/812,878 ) : Group Art Unit: 3652  
Filed: March 31, 2004 ) : Confirmation No.: 4562  
For: MANIPULATOR ) : December 21, 2006

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2006, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: